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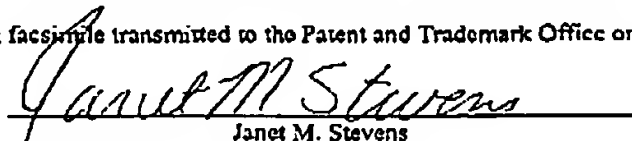
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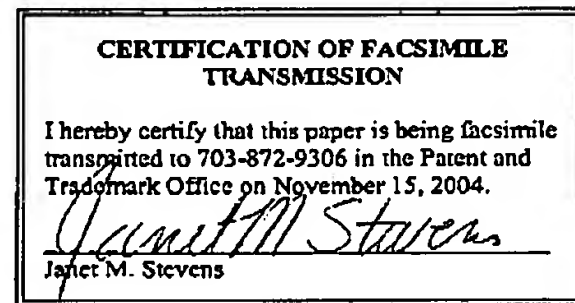
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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Sir:

The following remarks are in response to the Office Action mailed August 16, 2004.

Claims 1-17 remain pending herein.

Claims 1-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,350,544 (Takami '544) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,083,644 (Watanabe '644).

The present invention relates to a lithium secondary battery in which deterioration of battery properties caused by water released from positive and negative electrodes into a non-aqueous electrolytic solution packed in the battery is suppressed

Among the causes of taking water in the non-aqueous electrolytic solution is water released from electrode plates after the electrode plates are packed in a battery. Though electrode plates may be manufactured in strict environments, regarding a battery with a large capacity and produced by winding or laminating electrode plates manufactured by applying electrode active materials to current collector substrates, the moisture adsorbed in the electrode active materials or the like is difficult to completely remove merely by a normal drying process

In a first aspect of the present invention (claim 1), there is provided a lithium secondary battery comprising an electrode unit in which the positive electrode comprises